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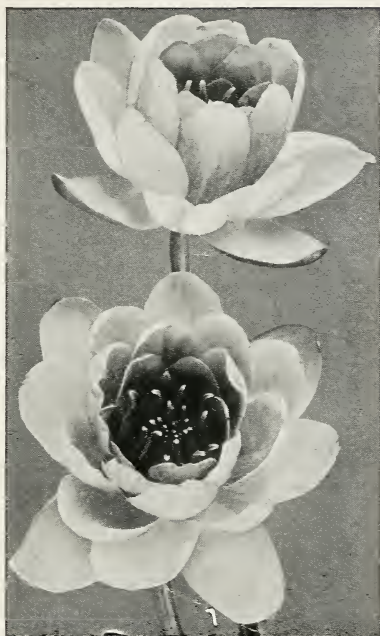
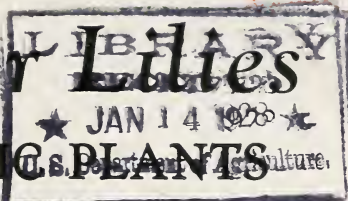
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Water Lilies

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AQUATIC PLANTS

FANCY FISHES



PINK OPAL

WILLIAM TRICKER, Inc.
INDEPENDENCE, OHIO



Water Gardens
Saddle River, N. J.
Independence, Ohio



Our Famous Tub Garden Offer — Page 5



IT IS EASY to SUCCEED WITH WATER LILIES

WATER gardening, what a fascinating hobby! Picture a placid, silvery pool filled with gorgeous hued flowers, restful in its tranquillity. Enjoy the thrill of growing in your own yard the favorite flowers of the ancient—and glory in the individuality of your garden, for there is individuality in growing water lilies with all their traditional charm. A pool of lotus flowers and lilies is certain to be a novelty, and at the same time, no gardening experience is necessary to grow them successfully.

Experience is not necessary in the growing of water lilies, a fact which appeals to many amateur gardeners. Success is almost sure to crown your efforts. Requirements of water lilies are few—sunshine, soil and a pool to grow them in. Concrete pools, or even fairly good-sized tubs, will serve excellently as water-gardens. If you have a shallow, natural pond you have the very best equipment.

Ponds and Pools

A pond can easily be made in clay soil, or by lining with clay a hole in ordinary ground. Concrete or clay pools $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 feet deep are entirely satisfactory. A tub may be about $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet in diameter, but a pool should be not less than 6 feet long and 3 feet wide.

The soil for Waterlilies is preferably a mixture of two-thirds rich garden soil and one-third well-rotted cow-manure. Blood-meal can be used in the proportion of one quart to a bushel of soil. This mixture may be spread over the bottom of the pond or may be put into holes dug where the roots are to be planted. In a concrete pool the soil should be put into boxes and set on the bottom of the pool. About 2 cubic feet of soil should be provided for each plant.

Planting

Set the plant so that the crown, from which the leaves grow, is just beneath the surface of the soil. Sand or gravel should be sprinkled over the soil to prevent fouling the water, and to keep fish from bothering the plants. New waterlily plants should be started in shallow water but will later thrive at any depth from 4 to 30 inches. 8 inches seems to be about the best depth. Running water is neither necessary nor desirable as it tends to keep the temperature too low. See illustration next page.

Winter Care

The best winter protection for the Lilies is to leave water in the pool and to cover the pool with boards and leaves or straw. Very little freezing takes place; roots and fish are safe and the pool walls, if reinforced, are not likely to crack.

Under normal conditions hardy Water Lilies, Lotus and native aquatics winter in the ponds under water and seldom need protection unless the water gets very low, or if left in a pool which is drained, in which case a covering of leaves, straw, or manure should be provided. If the roots are planted in boxes, the boxes with the roots in may be taken out and covered in a trench, or taken into a cool basement and kept covered with moist burlap until spring. Dry rot is destructive to dormant roots and should be avoided by providing natural conditions of cold and moisture.

Tropical Lilies are best treated as annual plants, and replaced year after year, as their beauty and extraordinary productiveness more than justify their moderate cost. They may be kept in bloom all year in indoor pools but it is seldom worth while to try to preserve the tropicals unless a green house pool is available.

WINTER CARE OF TUB GARDENS. Dip the water out of the tub; fill the tub heaping full of leaves. A few boards on top will hold the leaves in and help drain the water off. If the tub is not buried in the ground, heap leaves up around it as well.

KEEPING THE POOL CLEAR AND CLEAN. See page 22 for the scavengers that can be depended upon to do this work. We do not advise using chemicals. They may be harmful to the plants and fish.

WINTER CARE OF POOLS. Pools may be left with the water in if the top is covered with boards and the entire pool heaped over with leaves or straw. Pools which cannot be covered should be drained unless they are heavily reinforced.

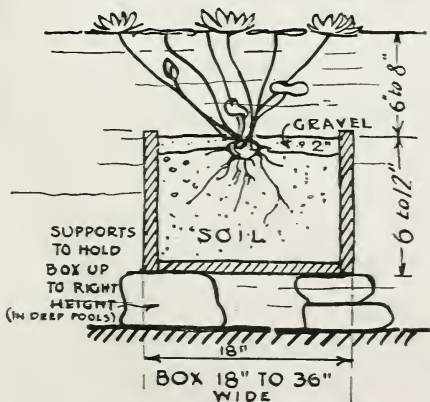
Miscellaneous Items

When provided with plenty of soil, the leaf-spread of a Water Lily will be 3 to 4 feet in diameter, hence a pool 10 by 15 feet should accommodate ten to fifteen Lilies. The leaf-spread of many varieties may be reduced to a degree suitable for tub culture by planting in a 6 or 8-inch pot; this dwarfs the plant so that the leaf-spread and the blooms are smaller. A little blood-meal should be added to the soil occasionally, or the plant may be repotted once or twice during the season.

Floating aquatic plants will grow without soil, but do better if the roots can reach it, particularly in the case of blooming plants. Marsh or bog plants should be potted and set so that the level of the soil is slightly above the water. Shallow water plants do well in 2 to 6 inches of water.

Oxygenating plants, such as Anacharis, Vallisneria, Myriophyllum, Sagittaria, etc., may be used to keep the water from becoming stagnant, and a few gold fish will eliminate mosquitoes.

Insects that attack the foliage of Water Lilies and other aquatics may be washed off with a hose so that the fish can get them. The green scum-like growth of algae makes good food for snails, or it may be removed by hand. If the pool has an over-flow this scum may be floated off. Clams will help to keep the water clear.



How to Plant Water Lilies



OUR FAMOUS TUB GARDENS

Plants and Tub Complete \$5

A TUB may seem but a humble beginning for a garden of Water Lilies, but many a successful grower of water plants starts his collection in this easy, economical way. You will be astonished at the number of plants a tub or half a barrel will accommodate, and you will be gratified at the results. Tub gardens are popular, and they furnish an excellent medium for interesting a child in the culture of water plants. Hardy or tender varieties may be grown in the tub garden.

This is What You Receive

- 1 **Tricker Water Lily Tub** 2 feet in diameter and 1 foot deep, made of white cedar so it will last a long time.
- 1 **Water Lily**, your choice of Helen Fowler, pink; Dauben, blue; Odorata Minor, white; or yellow Pygmy.
- 6 **Aquatic Plants**. Some to be planted in the tub like the Lily and some to float on the surface of the water.
- 6 **Hardy Perennials or Rock Plants** to plant around the tub. Our selection of varieties all different.
- 1 **Pair Livebearing Japanese Snails**.

A complete water garden that will delight you all summer for \$5.

F. O. B. Saddle River,
N. J., or Independence,
Ohio. State your choice of
Lilies.



GLORIOSA COLLECTION

The tub collection listed above with the beautiful red Water Lily Gloriosa in place of the other Water Lily.....\$8.50



A Group of Tub Collections is Both Artistically Beautiful and Economical

Extra Tubs

Yes, you can order extra tubs if you like. They are used extensively in pools as soil containers in which to plant lilies and aquatics. These white cedar tubs are strong and will last a long time. The hoops are heavy wire electrically welded. \$2.50 each.

Fishes for the Tub Garden

No pool—even if it is a miniature one—is complete without a few ornamental fishes. Goldfish illuminate the water with flashes of red--gold. Tropical fishes are very much at home in the tub garden and pay for their keep as mosquito chasers. Put in a few fish in the spring and in the fall you will probably have enough to stock a good sized indoor aquarium.

Collection of Fishes for the Tub Garden

18 fish and scavengers for the tub garden. 2 small gold or calico fish. 4 mosquito killers, 3 tadpoles, 6 snails. 1 salamander, 1 clam, 1 Geographic Turtle, with shipping can.....\$3

WELL PLEASED

We picked one hundred twenty-five lilies from our small pool. No other sort of gardening affords our entire family as much pleasure as water gardening. We intend to have a pool when we are old and decrepit, for there'll be no need of hoeing, weeding or watering—just watching and lots of joy.

Mrs. A. W. Bryan, Iowa City, Iowa, February 14, 1927.

HOW TO MAKE A TUB GARDEN

Pick a sunny spot for the tub garden. One tub will do but many people add one or two more, grouping the tubs in twos or threes as shown in the illustration above. Around the tub plant perennials and rock plants. If you have a few rocks to spread around, plant the rock plants in among these. This makes an ideal corner, a very pretty garden and just the place to try one's luck with Water Lilies and a few fish.

The best effect will be gained by sinking the tub in the ground right up to the rim. Fill the tub half full of rich soil, cover this with half an inch of clean sand, and fill with water. The little "pool" is now ready for the Water Lilies, aquatics and perennials, rock plants and fish. The drawing shows a cross section of a tub garden with plants and Water Lilies as follows:

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| 1. Rock Plants | 6. Umbrella Fern |
| 2. Rocks | 7. Shell Flower or Water Lettuce |
| 3. Giant Arrow | 8. Snails |
| 4. Water Lily | 9. Oxygenating Plants |
| 5. Water Hyacinth | |



Drawing Showing Cross Section of Tub Garden.
Items Shown are Listed Above

Now One Large Concern



THE friends of William Tricker, Water Lily Specialist, Arlington, New Jersey, and the Independence Nurseries Company of Independence, Ohio, will be interested to know that the Water Lily and Fish Department of the Independence Nurseries under the management of Mr. W. G. O'Brien, Aquarist, has combined with the Wm. Tricker Company to form one complete organization known as William Tricker, Incorporated.

For years the two firms of William Tricker, Water Lily specialist, at Arlington, New Jersey, and the Independence Nurseries at Independence, Ohio, have been to the general public the chief sources of Water Lilies, aquatic plants and fancy fishes. This combination provides William Tricker, Inc., with increased facilities for growing Water Lilies and fishes, and handling imported stock, a fortunate situation for the producer and buyer of ornamental fishes and Water Lilies.

Orders or communications should be sent to the offices at Independence.

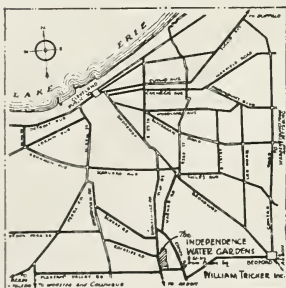
PAY US A VISIT

Consider this a personal invitation to visit our Water Gardens, either at Independence, Ohio, or Saddle River, New Jersey. We shall gladly welcome you and it will be a pleasure to show you our lily pools and our greenhouses.

Of special interest to many is our display of goldfish and tropical fish at Independence, Ohio. Visitors come from miles around to see this unusual display of one hundred fifty aquariums of unique and exotic fishes.

Our new plant at Saddle River, New Jersey, 30 miles from New York City, is just completed. We have thirty growing ponds, each 15 by 50 feet, and a show pond, more than 200 feet long and 60 feet wide. The gorgeous display of water plants to be found there will prove a Mecca for motorists and an inspiration to those who love colorful aquatic plants and moisture-loving perennials.

The accompanying maps will show just how to reach either of our nurseries.



Maps Showing the Location of The Independence Water Gardens and New Plant at Saddle River, N. J.



TROPICAL Water LILIES

Gorgeous in Color



STANDING erect on slender stems, rearing their radiant, fragrant heads a foot above their richly colored leaves, the Tropical Water Lilies are rightfully called, "The Aristocrats of the Water Garden".

Their great beauty of color is but one of the many points in favor of these floating aristocrats. Many of them possess perfumes both delicate and rich. Their season of blooming is long, also, as cold does not cause them to become dormant. Indoors, where the temperature averages 65 to 70 degrees, and in the southland, they will bloom the full year. Thus they are economical as well as beautiful.

We designate these lilies as "day blooming" and "night blooming" because of the "open hours" they keep.

NIGHT BLOOMING LILIES

The Night Blooming Lilies open their lovely faces in early evening. Instead of closing their petals at sunset as do the day blooming varieties, gorgeous pink, white and red flowers greet the eye just at twilight, and a water garden of surpassing loveliness remains all night and well into the day following, or all through the day on cloudy days.

Because of their exceptional quality and beauty, we are recommending a few outstanding varieties to your attention:

FRANK TRELEASE. Rich dark crimson flowers with mahogany colored stamens. Petals long, narrow and rounded at the ends. Mottled dark red and green shades of the young leaves merge to a rich bronze red in the matured plants. The most popular of its type. **\$1.50.**

SEE COLLECTIONS OF WATER LILIES
LISTED ON PAGE 12.



**Night Blooming Lilies Have Exquisite Charm—
Flowers of Trelease, Juno and Bisset**

NIGHT BLOOMING TROPICAL LILIES--Continued

JUNO (Dentata Superba). The perfected modern flower developed by cultivation from the sacred white Lotus of Egyptian tradition. A flower of great substance composed of very broad heavy petals that open widely revealing the wide flat saffron yellow stamens. Blooms easily 8 to 12 inches across. \$3.

BISSET. A night-bloomer of unusually free-blooming habit. The flowers are of a beautiful rose-pink color, 8 to 10 inches across; the petals are broad and slightly concave, giving the bloom a cup-shaped form. \$2.

Collection of Night Bloomers

One each of Frank Trelease, Juno, and Bisset, described above, 3 plants in all, \$5.

DAY BLOOMING LILIES

Lilies which bloom in the daytime, and close as the sun goes down, are of innumerable varieties and colors. Those we have listed below are only a few of the many grown in our nurseries. Selected for beauty, flower production, color range, fragrance and proven popularity. All may be dwarfed for use in tub gardens or allowed to develop magnificent blossoms in the largest pools.

Today the tropical varieties are the aristocrats of the water garden. Proudly they hold their heads high above their sister Lilies, the hardy varieties whose blossoms generally float upon the water.

TUB COLLECTION

The tub collection listed on page 5, is furnished with any Lily listed on pages 7 to 9, for \$3.50 extra.

VARIETIES OF DAY BLOOMERS—

BLUE BEAUTY. (Pennsylvania). Deep blue flowers a foot across and produced very freely. The yellow stamens form a pleasing contrast to the petals. Sepals marked with purple lines and dots. Desirable in a small pool or tub. Very choice but popularly priced. Our best seller. **\$2.50.**

GENERAL PERSHING. Without doubt, it is the finest of all pink tender lilies, both in size and color. The flowers are of great substance, delightfully fragrant, open early in the morning, and are indeed most distinct from any of the other pink day-blooming Water Lilies. A most prolific bloomer. Strong plants, **\$5.**

MRS. ED. WHITAKER. The largest and most striking of the day-blooming Tropical Lilies. In pools where it grows in unrestricted quarters the blooms are frequently over a foot in diameter and are produced in quantity. The color is lavender-blue, which becomes paler as the bloom ages. Extremely desirable for tubs and small pools as it will adapt itself and bloom well in small quarters. **\$3.**

MRS. GEO. H. PRING. A new and novel type that produces numbers of large, fragrant, white flowers with pointed petals. It is the counterpart of the Mrs. Whitaker in pure white. Will combine with any color. **\$3.**

AUGUST KOCH. As a variety suitable for all general purposes there is none that surpasses August Koch. It belongs to the viviparous group (by this is meant the peculiar characteristic of producing young plants upon the surface of the leaf). The flowers are 7 to 8 inches in diameter and open for four to six days. The sepals are purplish lilac and the petals pale wistaria-violet (Ridgeway color chart). Foliage strong and attractive. **\$2.50.**

MRS. C. W. WARD. A most charming variety with petals of rich rose-pink illuminated by a mass of golden stamens. Flowers are borne well out of the water, with the profusion of the Gracilis type from which it is a descendant. **\$2.**

PANAMA-PACIFIC. An everblooming viviparous, strong-growing and free-flowering variety. When fully opened, the predominant color is reddish purple and the stamens are yellow. This is a new and distinct color in Water Lilies. **\$3.**

SADDLE RIVER TRIO

COLLECTION NO. 18

MRS. WARD—Deep rose-pink. Profuse bloomer.

MRS. PRING—Stately pure white.

BLUE BEAUTY—A rich deep blue. Favorite of all.

An exceptional offering (value \$7.50) **\$5.**



Small Pools are Easy to Build and Every One Admires Them. This Pool was Built by one of our Customers, Mr. E. F. Keller, Hohokus, N. J.



Gloriosa. One of the Most Popular Lilies

HARDY WATER LILIES

YOUR pool will be beautiful with hardy water-lilies. Their colorful flowers of perfect form and exquisite fragrance, floating among the green lily pads, are a delight to behold and a joy to live with. Hardy water lilies are at home in tubs, pools, ponds, or lakes, and they will live from year to year if the roots are protected from actual freezing. The varieties listed here are a few of the choice and beautiful ones which are sure to delight you.

CHROMATELLA. The clear, clean yellow of Chromatella makes it by far the best yellow variety grown. The broad petals are canary yellow, the stamens are of a deeper shade and, altogether, this combination displayed among the leaves beautifully marbled in deep green and brown, make it a picture indeed. \$2.

COMANCHE. This flower opens a rich apricot and then changes later to a deep coppery bronze that appears as a glowing red in the depths of the flower in contrast with the orange stamens. \$5.

GLADSTONE. The king of the whites, surpassing all other white Water Lilies in size and freedom of bloom. The flower is a pure dazzling white 6 to 8 inches across. \$1.50.

GLORIOSA. A truly remarkable red, giving such universal satisfaction that we recommend it as the basis of every collection. It will thrive under extreme conditions. Is thoroughly at home in pool, lake or tub. The floating blossoms of apple blossom fragrance are often 6 to 7 inches across, perfect in form and rather double. Gloriosa is one of the best Water Lilies. Illustrated in color in our 1928 catalog. \$5.

HOPATCONG. (Odorata gigantea). Excellent for naturalizing. The leaves are light red underneath and the flowers are very large and pure white in color. A very effective variety to use for bold contrast. 50c.

TUB COLLECTION

listed on page 5, with any of the above
Hardy Water Lilies, for \$3.50 extra.

HELEN FOWLER. An exquisite pink; replica of the *Odorata* type. The unusually fragrant flowers are borne above the water and are desirable for cutting. As the leaves are small, this variety is much used for tub culture. Certified by the Horticultural Society of New York. \$1.25.

MARL. ALBIDA (White). This variety blooms continuously throughout the season. The petals are white, with yellow stamens. A really excellent lily. \$1 each.

MORNING GLORY. Here is a beautiful Water Lily of our own introduction. The flowers were the inspiration for its name. Opening early in the morning, they are of glorious size and color and exquisite fragrance. The long blooming season of Morning Glory, its flower of lasting quality when cut, and its robust growth, give this lily a full rounded, unsurpassed perfection. \$3.50.

PINK OPAL. A new variety of proven value. In color it is a deep rich pink. Flower of interesting form with comparatively short petals carried above the water. A decided ornament to any pool. Pink Opal does splendidly in tubs. \$2.

ROSE AREY. A flower of exceptional merit in every respect, attested by its being awarded a silver medal by the New York Horticultural Society. The flowers, a deep-cerise pink, sometimes reach 8 inches in diameter. The petals are pointed and have a noticeable curl that gives the effect of darker shading near the edges. A delightful surprise awaits you. \$3.

QUALITY TRIO

Collection No. 16

This assortment includes three of the very finest hardy lilies.

GLORIOSA—Large dark red; unique cup-shape.

PINK OPAL—Deep rich pink; perfect form and shading.

GLADSTONE—A large pure white.

Three hardy types that will delight you.

Catalog Price, \$8.50; Collection Price, \$6.



AN EGYPTIAN WATER GARDEN

EGYPTIAN LOTUS (*Nelumbium Speciosum*) (Pink). An excellent variety, very hardy and free growing. The blossoms are rose color, and possess a haunting fragrance. The sacred flower of the ancient Egyptians.

Tubers, \$2. Potted plants \$3. Three for the price of two.

EGYPTIAN COLLECTION (No. 5)

Three classic flowers that flourished in the Valley of the Nile and graced the pools of the Pharaohs. Enough aquatic plants to give the three classic flowers an appropriate setting.

BLUE LOTUS OF THE NILE (*Nymphaea Caerulea*). A fragrant blue Water Lily.

EGYPTIAN WHITE LOTUS (*Nymphaea Dentata*). A large white Water Lily.

SACRED LOTUS OF THE NILE (*Nelumbium Speciosum*). The pink Egyptian Lotus.

1 Papyrus, 1 Velvet Leaf, 2 Pickerel Rush, 2 Giant Arrowhead, 1 Shell Flower, 3 Anacharis, 2 Water Poppy.

This collection, including two Lilies, a Lotus and twelve aquatics, ideal for a six foot pool.

(Value \$7.50) Collection price..... **\$5**

The Egyptian Lotus with tub garden collection **\$5.50.**

COLLECTIONS OF WATER LILIES

The Convenient and Economical Way to Buy



AN EASY, practical way to have an attractive, harmonious planting is to buy in collections. Ours have always been popular, for the selections are from the finest varieties. Many other combinations will suggest themselves to the experienced water gardener, and we are always interested in having new ones described or photographed so that we may list them another year.

A pool 4 by 6 feet will accommodate three Water Lilies, and a small collection of aquatics. A pool 6 by 8 feet will hold five lilies and more aquatics. Larger pools will give still better results. You will find these collections general.

The Rainbow Collection

Collection No. 7

We know you will be pleased with this quintette of choice lilies, representative of the different color types and exceptionally free blooming.

MORNING GLORY. Delicate shell-pink, and exquisite shade.

GLORIOSA. Large, dark red.

PAUL HARIOT. The Chameleon orange-pink Water Lily.

CHROMATELLA. Deep yellow.

BLUE BEAUTY (Pennsylvania). Deep blue flowers measuring a foot across.

This is a good value at the catalog price, which is \$16.

Our collection price.....\$12

The Independence Trio

Collection No. 12

Blossoms for every hour of the day. This attractive collection includes the following:

RUBRA ROSEA. Deep red; night-blooming.

JUNO. An Egyptian white; night-blooming.

PANAMA PACIFIC. Deep purple; day-blooming.

This collection, one of the most popular, is valued at \$7.50.

Collection price.....\$5

Gems of Color

Collection No. 11

These Lilies are indeed gems of color. However, delicacy of shading is but one of the many points of their excellence.

CHROMATELLA. The most popular of the yellows.

PINK OPAL. Lovely rich pink.

BLUE BEAUTY (Pennsylvania). A rare deep blue. Immense flowers.

These three are some of our most popular.....\$5

1928 Special

Collection No. 17

This special combination of day and night bloomers will delight you and your friends. These five colorful Lilies will make your pool attractive every hour of the day.

CAPENSIS. Rich sky blue. A tropical day bloomer.

INDEPENDENCE PINK. Rose pink. One of the Independence Hybrids.

LOTUS DENTATA. Purest white. A night blooming variety.

DAUBEN. Light blue. Another tropical day bloomer.

TRELEASE. Rich crimson. A beautiful night bloomer.

Catalog price \$7.

A sterling value.....\$5

Night Blooming Trio

Collection No. 14

A special collection of three wonderful night bloomers that will fascinate you with their beauty, fragrance and mystery after the day bloomers have closed.

One plant each, of Red, White and Pink, our selection (3 plants) of night bloomers, for.....\$3

Pastel Shades of Beauty

Collection No. 6

Soft shades of delicate beauty harmonizing perfectly distinguish this trio. Picture the dark surface of a pool as a background displaying several blossoms of each variety of these lovely Lilies. Were Lilies made to order one could hardly plan a more delightful combination than the Pastel Shades of Beauty.

GENERAL PERSHING.—The finest of the pink lilies.

AUGUST KOCH.—Lilac lavender; an exquisite variety.

CHROMATELLA.—One of the best yellows.

One each of the above.....\$7.50

Saddle River Trio

Collection No. 18

Here are three of the most popular of the day bloomers. For form, for color and for production of exquisite flowers in great abundance, these varieties are unexcelled.

MRS. WARD. Deep rose-pink. Profuse bloomer.

MRS. PRING. Stately pure white.

PENNSYLVANIA. A rich deep blue. Favorite of all. An exceptional offering.

(value \$7.50).....\$5

Arlington Trio

Collection No. 8

The three Marliacs—one white, one pink and one yellow, very suitable for artificial or natural pools. One of our most popular collections.

Three plants, enough for six foot pool.....\$3

(A pink Helen Fowler substituted for Marliac Flesh on request.)

COLLECTIONS—Continued

Complete Collection for Small Pool

Here is a balanced grouping for a small pool 4 x 6, or 5 x 7. Your pool can be made very attractive with these plantings and fish, and the cost is very low, too.

Gems of Color, or Independence Trio	\$ 5
Aquatic Collection No. 21	3
Combination Fish Collection	5
1 pound of Dried Shrimp	1

Catalog Value	\$14
Special collection price	\$10

Combination Fish Collection

Collection No. 30E

12 Common Goldfish.

2 Calico Fish.

Scavenger collection No. 34a on page 22.

A bargain (value \$7) for..... **\$5**

GIANT GOLDFISH. A foot long. **\$5** per pair; **\$25** per dozen.

JAPANESE SNAILS Scavengers that keep the pool clean. **\$2** per dozen.

DRIED SHRIMP FOOD. For all fish and scavengers. **\$1** per lb., **\$5** for 6 lbs.

BLOOD MEAL. The proper fertilizer for all water plants. Carton **50c**; 10 lbs. **\$2**.

CLAMS. A good remedy for cloudy water. **\$2** per dozen.

Collection of Aquatic Plants

Collection No. 21

20 Aquatic plants in 10 or more varieties, our selection, suitable for a small pool containing three lilies.

4 Shallow water plants for centerpiece.

12 plants for corners or sides of pool.

2 Oxygenating plants.

2 Floating plants.

20 plants for..... **\$3**

Collection No. 22

35 Aquatics in 16 or more varieties suitable for a medium sized pool with five or more lilies.

9 Shallow water or bog plants for centerpiece.

16 Corner or side plants.

5 Oxygenating plants.

5 Floating plants.

35 plants for..... **\$5**

CONSULT WITH US

You can profit from our long experience in growing Water Lilies and raising fancy fish by receiving suggestions pertaining to your own problem. Simply write us and we will be glad to help you all we can.

Photographs. We greatly appreciate photographs of beautiful pools and their surroundings, and like to use them in our catalog and advertising. We shall be glad to present to the sender of a photograph sufficiently attractive for this purpose with one of the finest blue or pink tropical Water Lilies.





**Hemerocallis and Water Lillies—Where
can a More Pleasing Picture be Found?**

HARDY FLOWERS for EDGING THE POOL

ASTILBE. Graceful flower spikes often 6 feet high. White, Lilac and Pink varieties.

BOCCONIA (Plume Poppy). Tall growing. Thrives well in moist ground. Foliage silvery green. Flowers in July and August.

CLETHRA (Summersweet). One of the most charming of our native bushes. \$1. for two; \$5. per doz.

FILIPENDULA. The spireas are well suited to the water garden and this variety is perhaps the best of the group. The broad corymbs of flowers are white, but appear to be a delicate pink because of the protruding pink anthers.

GENTIAN. Pretty for the water's edge. Clusters of deep blue flowers in July and August.

HEMEROCALLIS (Lemon Lily). Rich orange-yellow trumpet-shaped flowers, free flowering.

HIBISCUS. Immense flowers shaped like Hollyhocks, in white, pink and crimson. A strong growing plant.

JAPANESE IRIS. Large and beautiful flowers from pure white to richest purple. Likes moist soil.

LOBELIA. (Cardinal Flower). Spikes of rich, fiery cardinal flowers. A native along streams. Very sturdy.

Unless noted single varieties. 75c for 3 plants; 15 Perennials in 8 varieties for \$3.

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES. Graceful and pleasing for backgrounds. Hardy varieties. Shipping size plants, 25c each; \$2. per doz.

HARDY BAMBOOS. Just the thing for tropical effects. Hardy as far north as New York. Variegated or plain leaves. \$1 each.

ROCK PLANTS

A collection of plants that grow very well and make a pleasing appearance among rocks. Collection includes such varieties as Rock Cress, Maiden Pink, Hen and Chickens, Forget-Me-Not and Sedums. 75c for 3; \$2.50 per doz.; 3 of 5 varieties (15 plants) for \$3.



Hyacinth, Poppy, Taro and Spiral Palm

Other AQUATIC PLANTS NEEDED IN THE GARDEN

JUST as the queen is surrounded by a court of beautiful, adoring subjects, so the Water Lily should be provided with a harmonious background. For the Water Lily—stately, colorful—is the true queen of the water garden. Her flower subjects should contribute grace and color to the royal setting.

The aquatics, which provide this background, are not difficult to grow. Many fine aquatics grow and bloom by merely floating on the water, deriving nourishment from air and water. These do not need soil or the sides of a pool to which to cling. Still others, growing under the water, will either absorb the impurities in your pool, or release oxygen to destroy them. These submerged or oxygenating plants are indispensable when fish are present, for they provide a perfect balance for the animal life.

We list below only a few of the many varieties.

FLOATING PLANTS



SALVINIA (*Salvinia Braziliensis*).

Dainty leaves of soft green, covered with a velvety nap of tiny hairs. The growth forms an attractive chain of these leaves which are about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in diameter. Popular as an aquarium plant. Large portion 50c.

SHELL FLOWER or WATER LETTUCE. (*Pistia stratiotes*).

A hardy annual resembling the water fern in form but with mottled leaves and small white flowers. 50c for 2; \$2 per doz.

WATER HYACINTH (*Eichhornia crassipes major*).

Shiny dark green leaves, the stems of which are expanded into pseudo bulbs, which serve as air chambers. The orchid-like flowers of lavender form a spike like that of the true hyacinth. 50c for 3; \$1.50 per doz.

Collection No. 23, of 5 varieties of Floating
Plants for a small pool, \$1.

SHALLOW WATER PLANTS



FLOATING HEART. (*Nymphoides peltatum*). This plant has leaves like the nymphaeas and produces brilliant yellow flowers quite freely. It is hardy and will do well in water or in the border. \$1 per doz.

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PURPLE WATER HYACINTH (*Eichhornia azurea*). A creeping plant without the floating bulbs of the ordinary Water Hyacinth but with more handsome blooms. Hardy. \$1 for 2; \$5 per doz.

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Oxygenating Plants for a small pool.

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FORGET-ME-NOT (*Myosotis scorpioides*). Small blue flowers with golden centers; will grow equally well in water or on the border. Hardy. \$1 for 3; \$2.50 per doz.

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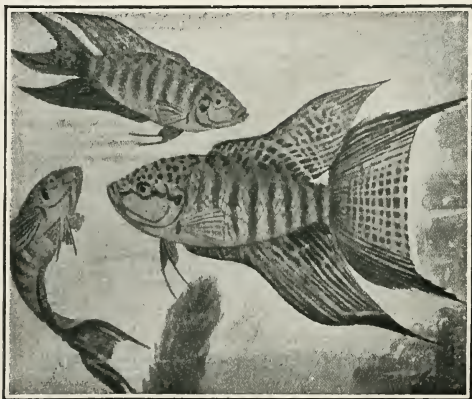
IT IS difficult to think of a pool, deep, clear and sparkling, without a few goldfish flashing through the water. The culture of ornamental fishes has become highly popular. The fish are not only a beautiful note of color in your pool—they are little care, other than feeding, and with a number of aquatic plants in your pool, you have all the attributes of a natural pond. When such a balance of animal and plant life is obtained it is never necessary to change the water.

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Paradise Fish—See Page 20
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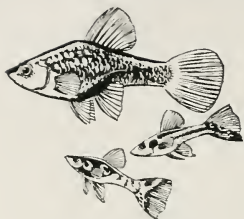
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ANGEL FISH



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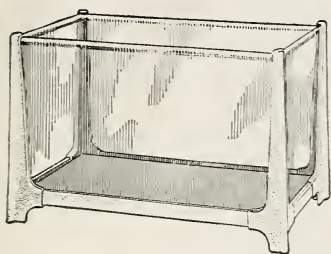
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